

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 27-55 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to enter headings required by the United States Patent Office and to correct obvious errors which occurred during preparation of the application.

No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

The claims have been amended to place them in a form for more ready examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The syntax has been improved and all multiple dependencies have been removed. The amended claims are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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